What is claimed is:

1   1.   A communication system comprising:

2   a client-side group email folder accessible by each user in a predefined group of

3   users; and

4   a group email message in the client-side group email folder, the group email

5   message having indicators, each indicator corresponding to a user in the predefined group

6   of users, each indicator being configured to indicate whether the corresponding user has

7   acted upon the group email message.

1   2.   The system of claim 1, wherein each indicator comprises a first setting, the

2   first setting indicating that the group email message has not been acted upon by the

3   corresponding user.

1   3.   The system of claim 2, wherein each indicator further comprises a second

2   setting, the second setting indicating that the group email message has been acted upon by

3   the corresponding user.

1   4.   The system of claim 1, wherein each indicator is further indicative of

2   whether the corresponding user has selected the group email message.

1   5.   The system of claim 1, wherein each indicator is further indicative of

2   whether the corresponding user has opened the group email message.

1   6.   The system of claim 1, further comprising a second indicator indicative of

2   whether the corresponding user has deleted the group email message.

1   7.   The system of claim 1, further comprising means for indicating whether a

2   user has deleted the group email message.

1   8.   The system of claim 1, wherein the indicator is an extensible markup

2   language (XML) tag corresponding to a user in the predefined group.

1   9.   The system of claim 1, wherein each user represents a unique individual.

1   10.   A communication method comprising the steps of:

2   providing indicators in a group email message, the group email message being

3   located in an inbox, each indicator corresponding to one of the users in a predefined

4   group of users, each indicator having a setting; and

5   changing the setting of one indicator in response to the email message being acted

6   upon by its corresponding user.

1   11.   The method of claim 10, wherein the step of providing indicators

2   comprises the step of providing read indicators, each read indicator corresponding to one

3   user in a predefined group of users, each read indicator being configured to indicate

4   whether its corresponding user has read the email message.

1   12.   The method of claim 10, wherein the step of providing indicators

2   comprises the step of providing delete indicators, each delete indicator corresponding to

3   one user in a predefined group of users, each delete indicator being configured to indicate

4   whether its corresponding user has deleted the email message.